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 - How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God is asking us to lean into?
 - How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?
- 2) What about Sunday's sermon resonated with you? What challenged you?
- 3) If someone asked you to give them the gospel in a nutshell, what would you say?
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- 5) Read John 15:1-17. What speaks to you about this passage? What do you do to rest in God's unconditional love and acceptance of you everyday? What could you do?
- 6) Reflect on John 15:9-11. Have you ever felt that holy living was your prerogative and you owed it to God to live a holy life? How did John 15 speak to you?
- 7) Read 1 Cor. 15:10. How does this passage speak into our lives? What do you do to depend on God everyday? What could you do to grow in greater dependence?
- 8) Do you agree or disagree that Jesus' commands are life-giving?
- 9) How have you experienced obedience bringing you closer to Jesus and to an understanding of the depths of His love for you?

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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

Living in Love

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The Gospel: Through the person and work of Jesus, God has rescued us from judgement for our sin, reconciled us to Himself, adopted us into His family, broken the power of sin and the devil in our lives so that we can live, though imperfectly, as a new humanity in a broken world, and someday He will utterly vanquish all evil, completely transform us body and soul into our perfect selves, and usher in a new creation, free from the presence of sin, in which we can enjoy our new life with Him forever.

We are saved. We are being saved. We will be saved.

John 15:1-17 (HCSB)

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be My disciples.

Big Idea: We need to remain in Jesus to live a flourishing life.

We need to rest, depend, and obey.

1) REST: We need to rest everyday in Jesus' unconditional love for us
The natural bent of the human heart is towards self-salvation.

Matthew 11:28 "Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

2) DEPEND: We must embrace everyday that we are broken sinners who desperately need Jesus.

3) OBEY: We need to step out everyday and obey Jesus' commands.
Jesus' commands are life-giving.

We need to both depend and obey.

1 Corinthians 15:10 "By God's grace I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not ineffective. However, I worked more than any of them, yet not I, but God's grace that was with me."

A prayer: "Jesus produce your fruit in Me as I strive to obey and emulate you this day. Forgive me for the ways I have messed up and thank you for your grace which gives me endless second chances. By your power and grace, make me into the man/woman I am supposed to be, for your glory not my own"